(c) The company was given time upto 10th May, 1990 to furnish details|furnish reply to the notices. Further action would follow after receipt of their replies and the details which have been called for.

Communications to drug companies

709. SHRI SHANKAR DAYAL SINGH : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 648 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 19th March, 1990 and state :

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry sent communications to drug companies involved in Supreme Court case after the judgement was delivered;

(b) if so, the names of the companies, the details of the communications sent and the date on which each communicatinon was sent;

(c) what are the details of replies received;

(d) whether it is a fact that the Special Team assessed dues on bulk drug differences in certain cases and in others on formulations;

(e) if so, what are the names of drugs and formulations in each case and what is the amount on each drug and formulation;

(f) what are the reasons for different steps taken;

(g) who was the convenor of Special Team and what is his designation;

(h) whether it is a fact that his Ministry received complaints against him; and

(i) if so, what are the details thereof and what action has been taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) to (c) information to the extent available would be collected and laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha.

(d) to (f). The Special Team assessed dues on bulk drugs only in cases of certain companies where both bulk drugs and formulations were involved. In those cases where only formulations were involved the dues were assessed in respect of the formulations only. In view of the large number of complaints that have been received, findings of the Special Team and the developments thereafter are being looked into afresh.

(g) The Convenor of the Special Team was Shri R. N. Tandon and his designation is Joint Director (Chemicals).

(h) and (i) The matter is being looked into.

Findings of the special team on drugs

710. CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 648 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 19th March, 1990 and state :

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry accepted the findings of Special Team in toto;

(b) when was the Special Team appointed and when was the complete findings submitted to his Ministry.

(c) whether it is a fact that the Special Team is still in existence;

(d) if so, by when the complete assessment of all companies would be finalised; and

(e) what are the details of the findings of the Special Team ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY) : (a), (b) and (e) A